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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 10 December 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

10.30 a.m. closed meeting Consultation Room

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 81st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/56/107) [17 (g)]

2. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin [33]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/413)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.41)

3 p.m. 82nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

   (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples on the work during 2001 (A/56/23 (Parts I-III)

   (b) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/61, A/56/65 and A/56/159)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/56/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para.7; A/56/L.40)

2. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/547) [85]

(continued overleaf)

3. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/548) [86]

4. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/549) [87]

5. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/550) [88]

6. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/551) [89]

7. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/552) [90]

8. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/553) [91]

9. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories; implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/554) [92 and 18]

10. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations; report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/555) [93 and 12]

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/556) [94]

12. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/557) [18]

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/56/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para.7; A/56/L.40) [18]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions, A/C.2/56/L.37 (item 95 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.2, A/C.2/56/L.3 and A/C.2/56/L.52 (item 95 (c))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.20 (item 98), A/C.2/56/L.15 (item 98 (b)) and A/C.2/56/L.5 (item103)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.18 and A/C.2/56/L.26 (item 96 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.25 (item 96 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.21 (item 97 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.24 (item 97 (b)) and A/C.2/56/L.23 (item 97 (d))

3 p.m. — 38th meeting — Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

   (c) Science and technology for development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.3 and L.52

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: high-level dialogue on strengthening international cooperation for development through partnership [97 (c)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.22 and L.56

3. Environment and sustainable development [98]

   d) Convention on Biological Diversity

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.9 and L.58

(g) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.8 and L.57

4. Operational activities for development [99]

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.14 and L.54

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon) and Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia) and Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), Vice-Chairmen of the Second Committee, to hear reports by each of the facilitators on all outstanding draft resolutions and to take action, *ad referendum*, on those draft proposals that are ready for adoption

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* Following the adjournment of the 38th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 and Corr.1, A/56/7, A/56/16, A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1 and A/C.5/56/11/Rev.2))

2 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [131] (A/56/495 and Corr.1 and Add.1, A/56/501 and A/56/665)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [132] (A/56/497 and Add.1, A/56/265, A/56/500 and A/56/666)

Conclusion of general discussion

3. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [134]

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.17

Afternoon*- 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 137 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (A/56/610 and A/56/661)), 131 (Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/56/495 and Corr.1 and Add.1, A/56/501, and A/56/665)) and 132 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/56/497 and Add.1, A/56/265, A/56/500 and A/56/666))

6 p.m. 9 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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* Following the adjournment of the 34th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

2. Second performance report

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTING AS THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SECOND WORLD ASSEMBLY ON AGEING

Resumed first session

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Election of a Vice-Chairman [1]

2. Organization of work (E/CN.5/2001/PC/L.10) [2]

3. Preparations for the Second World Assembly on Ageing (E/CN.5/2001/PC/L.9) [3]

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations	Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft outcome document for the World Assembly on Ageing (E/CN.5/2001/PC/L.9)

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2001

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	1st meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Monday, 10 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

On Monday, 10 December 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room 8: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Room C-209B: A/C.2/56/L.39 and L.40 (item 102), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 2: A/C.2/56/L.11 (item 98 (a)), from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room B: A/C.2/56/L.24 (item 97 (b)), from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room B: A/C.2/56/L.41 (item 98 (f)), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.;

Room S-1527A: A/C.2/56/L.30 (item 104), from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.;

Conference Room 8: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room 6: A/C.2/56/L.37 (item 95 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. ;

Conference Room B: A/C.2/56/L.17/Rev.1 (item 98 (c)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Room C-209B: A/C.2/56/L.25 (item 96 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Room to be announced: A/C.2/56/L.26 (item 96 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; and

Room S-1527A: A/C.2/56/L.39 and L.40 (item 102), from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 10 December 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on the World Summit for Sustainable Development)

9 a.m. - 9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.26 (item 96 (a) (Business and development)); and draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.30 (UNITAR); on agenda item 97 (b) (Human resources development))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

GROUP OF 77
(briefing on special meeting of the General Assembly on information and communication technologies)

1.15 p.m. - 2.15 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Ageing)* on Monday, 10 December 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of their International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Monday, 10 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684 and 963-9196).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 11 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 83rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: draft resolution (A/56/L.47) [23]
2. Multilingualism [32]
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/656)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.44)
3. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [35]
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/499, A/56/611)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.46)
4. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [44]
   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/391, A/56/416)
   (b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/56/273)
   (c) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.42, A/56/L.45)
5. Towards global partnerships [39]
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/323 and Corr.1)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.33)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE			FIFTH COMMITTEE		
10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6	10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
			2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 2	6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 20, organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on Tuesday, 11 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All delegations are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women, by hand-delivery to room DC2-1260, by fax ((212)-963-3463); or by e-mail (daw@un.org), no later than Friday, 14 December 2001.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The revised draft outcome document of the International Conference on Financing for Development, which has been prepared by the Facilitator, Mr. Mauricio Escanero, is available on the Financing for Development Web site <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>. Hard copies of the text may be obtained from the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat (room DC2-2386).

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At the informal meeting held on Friday, 7 December 2001, the Chairperson of Working Group II of the Disarmament Commisison dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) distributed the information provided by delegations on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms. Copies of the information are available at the Department of Disarmament Affairs with Mr. Nazir Kamal (room S-3170F; tel.: (212) 963-6195), as well as with the Chairperson, Ms. Gabriela Martinic, Permanent Mission of Argentina (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extensions 226 and 224). The Chairperson would also like to remind all delegations that they might submit further information.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing on "Older Workers and Population Ageing, Employment and Social Protection Issues", organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO), on Tuesday, 11 December 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will be Michael Cichon, Chief of the Financial, Actuarial and Statistical Services Branch of the Social Protection Sector, ILO, and Mariangels Fortuny, Focal Point on Ageing, In Focus Programme on Skills, Knowledge and Employability, ILO. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Caroline Lewis (tel.: (212) 697-0150, ext. 102).

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Briefing

In conjunction with the resumed session of the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing, there will be a briefing on the theme "Bringing Health and Ageing into the Development Agenda - the WHO Experience", sponsored by the World Health Organization, on Tuesday, 11 December 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Dr. Alex Kalache, Coordinator, Ageing and Life Course, WHO, Geneva, will be the presenter. Dr. Martha Pelaez, Regional Advisor on Ageing, PAHO/WHO, and Ms. Irene Hoskins, Senior Technical Officer, Ageing and Life Course, WHO, Geneva, will be among the participants. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing, organized jointly by the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat and the delegation of Mexico, on the organizational arrangements for the forthcoming International Conference on Financing for Development (Monterrey (Mexico), 18-22 March 2002) on Friday, 14 December 2001, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced.

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Workshop

There will be a workshop on "Creating a Union in Africa and in Europe", jointly organized by the delegation of the European Union and the Permanent Observer of the Organization of the African Unity. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will take place on Wednesday, 12 December 2001, from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber (tentatively).

A joint invitation letter, including a detailed information note, was addressed to all African Permanent Representatives and European Union Representatives to the United Nations, as well as to United Nations officers in charge of African matters. Registration deadline is Monday, 10 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Sherene Bailey (Organization of African Unity) (tel.: (212) 319-5490) or Ms. Anna Rode (European Union) (tel.: (212) 401-0160).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 19 December, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, an outline of activities and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. Members from United Nations agencies are also encouraged to apply. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 11 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Monday, 3 December 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 7 December 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4435th (private) meeting

Meeting of the Security Council with Troop Contributing Countries to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, A

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 7 December 2001, the Security Council, pursuant to Annex II, Section A of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 4435th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP).

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Joachim Hütter, Director of Europe and Latin America Division of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

"The members of the Council had a constructive exchange of views with representatives of participating troop-contributing countries."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

79th plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [21]

(a) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/171)

(b) Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/390)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.34)

(c) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/302)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.31)

(d) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/398)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.36)

(e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/474)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.26)

(f) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/996, A/56/449)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.35)

(g) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/301)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.25/Rev.1)

h) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/122)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.32)

(i) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/125)

(j) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/489)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.37)

(k) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization

(i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Preparatory Commission (A/56/317)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.38)

(l) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

(i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Organization (A/56/490)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.30)

(m) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum: draft resolution (A/56/L.29)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 21.

Statements were made by the representatives of Venezuela, Slovakia, the Russian Federation, Liechtenstein, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

The representative of the Netherlands made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.30.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kenya, Namibia, Jamaica (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Mexico, Brazil, Chad, Latvia, Armenia and Dominica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/6 of 17 October 1989, the observer for the Council of Europe made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/5 of 13 October 1993, the Secretary-General for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 477 (V) of 1 November 1950, the observer for the League of Arab States made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2011 (XX) of 11 October 1965, the observer for the Organization of African Unity made a statement.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed of the following additions to its programme of work: on Thursday, 13 December 2001, as the first item in the morning, the General Assembly will take up agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency) to consider draft resolution A/56/L.10 and the amendment thereto contained in document A/56/L.11; on the same morning, as the second item, the General Assembly will consider a number of draft resolutions under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and its sub-items.

The Assembly was also informed that agenda item 37 (The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict), originally scheduled for the morning of Friday, 14 December 2001, was postponed to a later date.

80th plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [21]

(a) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/171)

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The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 21.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3369 (XXX) of 10 October 1975, the observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/18 of 10 November 1978 and decision 53/453 of 18 December 1998, the observer for the International Organization of la Francophonie made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 55/161 of 12 December 2000, the Deputy Secretary-General of the Economic Community of Central African States made a statement.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and Australia.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.25/Rev.2 (resolution 56/39).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.26 (resolution 56/40).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.29 (resolution 56/41).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.30 (resolution 56/42).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.31 (resolution 56/43).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.32 (resolution 56/44).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.34 (resolution 56/45).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.35 (resolution 56/46).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.36 (resolution 56/47).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.37 as orally corrected (resolution 56/48).

By 134 votes to 1, with 2 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.38 (resolution 56/49).

The representative of New Zealand made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-items (b), (c), (d), (e), (g), (h), (j), (k), (l) and (m) of agenda item 21.

The General Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 21.

The Assembly was informed that other draft resolutions under sub-items (a) and (i) would be submitted at a later date.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 37th meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.42

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), reported on the outcome of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.42.

The Committee adopted the draft decision A/C.2/56/L.42.

The representative of Japan made a statement.

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(a) Trade and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.35, L.38 and L.49

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.49, which was submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.35 and L.38.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.49.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.49, draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.35 and L.38 were withdrawn by its sponsors.

Environment and sustainable development: further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States [98 (e)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.16/Rev.1 and L.53

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.53, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.16/Rev.1.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.53.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.53, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.16/Rev.1 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

Draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.33

The representatives of Kuwait and Qatar stated that had they been present at the time of the vote, they would have voted in favour of draft resolution.

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

The Vice-Presidents, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon) and Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), and the Rapporteur, Ms. Jana Simonova (Czech Republic), reported on the status of their resolutions.

The representatives of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States, New Zealand, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, Cameroon and Sierra Leone made statements.

Additional sponsors

The Committee was informed that Canada and the United States of America had joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.15 (item 98 (b)).

Deadline for the submission of draft resolutions

At the request of the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the Committee agreed to postpone the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 106 on the least developed countries to 12 noon on Monday, 10 December 2001.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 33rd meeting

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [131]

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [132]

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda items.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/495 and Corr.1 and Add.1, A/56/501, A/56/665, A/56/497 and Add.1, A/56/265, A/56/500 and A/56/666).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/56/665 and A/56/666) respectively.

Statements on the general discussion were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Liechtenstein), Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), the Russian Federation and China.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea [137]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The report of the Secretary-General was before the Committee in document A/56/610.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/661).

In the absence of speakers, the Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Monday, 10 December, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Guillermo Kendall (Argentina).

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

Programme budget implications on draft resolutions

The Committee had before it the statements submitted by the Secretary-General on programme budget implications contained in documents A/C.5/56/20 and Corr.1, A/C.5/56/22, A/C.5/56/23 and A/C.5/56/24.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related reports of that Committee.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution B contained in document A/56/21/Add.1: Development of an International Radio Broadcasting Capacity for the United Nations (A/C.5/56/20 and Corr.1)

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States, Egypt, Canada and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The representative of Cameroon also made a statement.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.69/Rev.1: Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa (A/C.5/56/22)

Statements were made by the representatives of Cameroon, the United States and Canada.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions also replied to questions raised.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.6: Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council (A/C.5/56/23)

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Cameroon.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.55: Situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/C.5/56/24)

No statements were made on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that consideration of the above programme budget implications would begin on that day, Friday, 7 December, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Eduardo Ramos (Portugal).

Organization of work

The representative of Austria, in his capacity as coordinator of agenda item 124 (Pattern of conferences), made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, Cameroon and the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question raised.

The Chairman made a statement.

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

1st meeting

The Vice-President of the General Assembly opened the meeting and made a statement.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made an opening statement.

Statements and announcements of pledges were made by the following representatives or observers: Chile, Cyprus, Sweden, the Netherlands, Japan, Turkey, Spain, China, Norway, Malaysia, Bahrain, the United States, Switzerland, the Republic of Korea, France, Austria, Denmark, the United Kingdom, Luxembourg, Greece and Italy.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made a closing statement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Year of Mountains

The global launch of the International Year of Mountains 2002 will take place on Tuesday, 11 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The former President of the Swiss Confederation, H.E. Mr. Adolf Ogi, will preside. Welcoming remarks will be made by H.E. Mr. Murari Raj Sharma, Vice-President of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, will make an address on behalf of the Secretary-General. Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, will deliver a keynote address on the International Year of Mountains. Brief statements will be made by H.E. Mr. Kurmanbek Bakiev, Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, H.E. Mr. Alan Wagner, Ambassador of Peru to the United States and former Minister for Foreign Relations; Mr. Alberto Gagliardi, Under-Secretary of State for Regional Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Italy; and Mr. Josef Plank, Secretary for Agriculture, Niederosterreich, Austria; and Mr. Louis Besson, Member of Parliament and Mayor of Chambéry, France. Mr. Nitin Desai will moderate a round table discussion, followed by a debate, on "Three Conditions for Sustainability in Mountain Development". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Chairmen of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2001 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
United Republic of Tanzania
H.E. Mr. Daudi Ngelautwa Mwakawago

Asian States:
Turkey
H.E. Mr. Mehmet Ümit Pamir

Eastern European States:
Latvia
H.E. Mr. Gints Jegermanif (designated)

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Jamaica
H.E. Miss Mignonette Patricia Durrant

Western European and other States:
Israel
H.E. Dr. Yehuda Lancry

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Web sites

Presidency of the Security Council:

<http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency>

President of the General Assembly:

<http://www.un.org/ga/president>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

<http://www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373>

<http://www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm>

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<http://www.un.org/russian/documen/scdocs/committees/1373>

<http:// www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html>

Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development:

<http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org>

<http://www.un.int/indonesia>

Belgian presidency of the European Union:

<http://www.un.int/belgium>

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 11 December 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP
ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Consultation Room

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001)
CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

3 p.m.	14th (closed) meeting	Conference Room 7

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT RESOLUTION 864 (1993) CONCERNING
THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA

3 p.m.	39th (closed) meeting*	Conference Room 8

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	83rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	84th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: draft resolution (A/56/L.47) [23]
2. Multilingualism [32]
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/656)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.44)
3. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [35]
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/499, A/56/611)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.46)
4. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [44]
   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/391, A/56/416)
   (b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/56/273)
   (c) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.42/Rev.1, A/56/L.45)
5. Towards global partnerships [39]
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/323 and Corr.1)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.33)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.37 (item 95 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.2, A/C.2/56/L.3 and A/C.2/56/L.52 (item 95 (c)) and A/C.2/56/L.30 and L.55 (programme budget implications) (item 104)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.11 and L.19 (programme budget implications) and A/56/19 (chapter VIII, sect. A) (item 98 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.17/Rev.1 and L.50 (programme budget implications) (item 98 (c)), A/C.2/56/41 and L.51 (programme budget implications) and A/C.2/56/L.39 and L.40 (item 102)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.18 and A/C.2/56/L.26 (item 96 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.25 (item 96 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.24 (item 97 (b)) and A/C.2/56/L.23 (item 97 (d))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Jana Simonova (Czech Republic), Rapporteur of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a))

3 p.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [95]
   (c) Science and technology for development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.3 and L.52

2. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [97]

   (a) Women in development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.21 and L.63

   (d) Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.23

3. Environment and sustainable development [98]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/45/L.20 and L.65

   (b) International Strategy for disaster reduction

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.15 and L.62

4. Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [103]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.5 and L.61

5. Operational activities for development: economic and technical cooperation among developing countries [99 (b)]

   Introduction of draft decision A/C.2/56/L.64

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon) and Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), Vice-Chairmen of the Second Committee, to hear reports by each of the facilitators on all outstanding draft proposals and to take action, ad referendum, on those draft proposals that are ready for adoption

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* Following the adjournment of the 39th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 and Corr.1, A/56/7, A/56/16, A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1 and A/C.5/56/11/Rev.2))

2 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 123 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Safety and security of United Nations personnel (A/56/469 and Corr.1 and 2 and 3 (Arabic and French only) and A/56/619)); 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001) and 133 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations): Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) (A/C.5/55/46 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/56/478))

6 p.m. 9 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of conferences (A/56/32, A/56/120/Rev.1, A/56/133, A/56/188, A/56/213 and Corr.1, A/56/261, A/56/277, A/56/293, A/56/299, A/56/300, A/56/339, A/AC.198/2001/8 and A/56/475))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa
2. Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTING AS THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SECOND WORLD ASSEMBLY ON AGEING

Resumed first session

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations	Conference Room 1
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations	Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft outcome document for the World Assembly on Ageing (E/CN.5/2001/PC/L.9)

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2001

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	17th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	18th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation [5]

   (a) Country programme recommendations

   (b) Recommendation for additional regular resources for approved country programmes and the extension of a subregional programme

   (c) Intercountry programmes

2. Report to the United Nations Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [6] (E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.8)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 20, organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held *today*, 11 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All delegations are invited to attend.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 11 December 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference room to be announced: A/C.2/56/L.2 (item 95 (c)), from 9.40 a.m. to 10.10 a.m.;

Room C-209B: A/C.2/56/L.17/Rev.1 (item 98 (c)), from 10 a.m. to 12 noon;

Conference Room B: A/C.2/56/L.39 and L.40 (item 102), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 4: A/C.2/56/L.59 (item 106), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 8: A/C.2/56/L.11 (item 98 (a)), from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Room C-209B: A/C.2/56/L.24 (item 97 (b)), from 12 noon to 1.15 p.m.;

Conference Room B: A/C.2/56/L.41 (item 98 (f)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference Room 6: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 11 December 2001

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

GROUP OF 77
(on ageing)

6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Ageing) today*, 11 December 2001, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of their International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held *today*, 11 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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Briefing

There will be a briefing on "Older Workers and Population Ageing, Employment and Social Protection Issues", organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO), *today*, 11 December 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will be Michael Cichon, Chief of the Financial, Actuarial and Statistical Services Branch of the Social Protection Sector, ILO, and Mariangels Fortuny, Focal Point on Ageing, In Focus Programme on Skills, Knowledge and Employability, ILO. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Caroline Lewis (tel.: (212) 697-0150, ext. 102).

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Briefing

In conjunction with the resumed session of the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing, there will be a briefing on the theme "Bringing Health and Ageing into the Development Agenda - the WHO Experience", sponsored by the World Health Organization, *today*, 11 December 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Dr. Alex Kalache, Coordinator, Ageing and Life Course, WHO, Geneva, will be the presenter. Dr. Martha Pelaez, Regional Advisor on Ageing, PAHO/WHO, and Ms. Irene Hoskins, Senior Technical Officer, Ageing and Life Course, WHO, Geneva, will be among the participants. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 12 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 85th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/586) [159]

2. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/587 and Corr.1) [160]

3. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fourth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/588 and Corr.1 (English only)) [161]

4. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/589 and Corr.1 (Arabic, Chinese, English, Russian and Spanish only)) [162]

5. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/590 and Corr.1 (English, French, Russian and Spanish only)) [163]

6. Establishment of the International Criminal Court: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/591) [164]

7. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/592) [165]

8. Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/593) [166]

9. Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/594 and Corr.1 (Chinese, English, French and Russian only)) [167]

10. Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/595 and Corr.1) [168]

11. Observer status for the International Development Law Institute in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/596) [170]

12. Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/597 and Corr.1) [172]

13. Observer status for the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/598 and Corr.1) [173]

14. International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/599) [174]

15. Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/600) [176]

16. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/646) [21 (f)]

3 p.m. 86th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/56/3 and Add.1 and 2) [12]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Room to be announced
3 p.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 35th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

An informal (closed) meeting of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on consultation of troop contributors will be held on Friday, 14 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Credentials Committee on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Delegations that have not submitted credentials in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly are asked to submit them to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee before the meeting (room 3420A).

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The fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 14 to 25 January 2002. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 14 January, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/31.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference on Financing for Development and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site at: <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold informal consultations in preparation for its resumed 2001 session on Wednesday and Thursday, 19 and 20 December 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., in Conference Room 8 and 9, respectively.

The Committee will hold its resumed 2001 session from 14 to 25 January 2002 in Conference Room 4. The agenda of the 2001 session is contained in document E/C.2/2001/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are requested to inform the Secretary-General about the composition of their delegation for the resumed session through the Committee Secretary, Mr. Otto Gustafik (room S-2950F, fax: 212 962-5935).

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women, by hand-delivery to room DC2-1260, by fax ((212)-963-3463); or by e-mail (daw@un.org), no later than Friday, 14 December 2001.

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The revised draft outcome document of the International Conference on Financing for Development, which has been prepared by the Facilitator, Mr. Mauricio Escanero, is available on the Financing for Development Web site at: <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>. Hard copies of the text may be obtained from the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat (room DC2-2386).

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At the informal meeting held on Friday, 7 December 2001, the Chairperson of Working Group II of the Disarmament Commission dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) distributed the information provided by delegations on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms. Copies of the information are available at the Department of Disarmament Affairs with Mr. Nazir Kamal (room S-3170F; tel.: (212) 963-6195), as well as with the Chairperson, Ms. Gabriela Martinic, Permanent Mission of Argentina (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extensions 226 and 224). The Chairperson would also like to remind all delegations that they might submit further information.

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Background information on the Secretary-General's report on the priority theme "Integration of social and economic policy"of the fortieth session of the Commission for Social Development (12-22 February 2002), is available to be picked up at the office of the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development (room DC2-1370). It can also be downloaded from the Web site of the Division at: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/2002/htm>.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Second Committee)* on Wednesday, 12 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States in Practical Disarmament Measures, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures). The meeting will take place on Thursday 13 December 2001, at 3 p.m., at the Permanent Mission of Germany (871 United Nations Plaza, 22nd Floor). The meeting will review the status of ongoing practical disarmament projects and will consider any additional related proposals. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "A Civil Society Perspective on Ageing in Developing Countries", co-sponsored by the Programme on Ageing, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and HelpAge International on Wednesday, 12 December 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Panellists will include Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko, Chief, Programme on Ageing. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing, organized jointly by the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat and the delegation of Mexico, on the organizational arrangements for the forthcoming International Conference on Financing for Development (Monterrey (Mexico), 18-22 March 2002) on Friday, 14 December 2001, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced.

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Workshop

There will be a workshop on "Creating a Union in Africa and in Europe", jointly organized by the delegation of the European Union and the Permanent Observer of the Organization of the African Unity. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will take place on Wednesday, 12 December 2001, from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber (tentatively). For further information, please contact Ms. Sherene Bailey (Organization of African Unity) (tel.: (212) 319-5490) or Ms. Anna Rode (European Union) (tel.: (212) 401-0160).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 19 December, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, an outline of activities and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. Members from United Nations agencies are also encouraged to apply. The registration deadline is *today*, 11 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Monday, 3 December 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 10 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

81st plenary meeting

Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/56/107) [17 (g)]

The Acting President announced that, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, Cuba and the Russian Federation would be included in the list of five countries to be drawn up that would be requested to propose candidates for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit.

Since, from among the African States, there were six candidates for one vacancy, from among the Asian States, there were two candidates for one vacancy, and from among the Western European and other States, there were three candidates for one vacancy, the General Assembly proceeded to select by secret ballot one State from the African States, one State from the Asian States and one State from the Western European and other States that, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, would be included in the list of five countries to be drawn up.

The results of the first round of balloting were as follows:

	Votes
Cameroon	41
China	114
Comoros	9
Egypt	11
France	64
Kenya	34
Lebanon	59
Mauritius	16
Sweden	24
United Republic of Tanzania	61
United States of America	81

On the first round of balloting, China was selected to be included in the list of five countries to be drawn up that would be requested to propose a candidate for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit.

Since one country from among the African States and one country from among the Western European and other States remained to be selected, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a second round of balloting (first restricted ballot).

The results of the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Cameroon	64
France	78
United Republic of Tanzania	109
United States of America	98

On the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot), the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States of America were selected to be included in the list of five countries to be drawn up that would be requested to propose candidates for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit.

The Acting President announced that the President of the General Assembly, after holding the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, would propose a list of candidates to the Assembly for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (g) of agenda item 17.

Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin [33]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/413)

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.41)

The representative of Greece made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.41.

The representative of Cambodia made a statement.

82nd plenary meeting

Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin [33]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/413)

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.41)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 33.

Statements were made by the representatives of Croatia, Cyprus, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Ukraine, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Egypt.

The General Assembly was informed that at the request of the sponsors, action on draft resolution A/56/L.41 would be taken at a later date.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

(a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Coun-

tries and Peoples on its work during 2001 (A/56/23 (Parts I-III))

(b) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/61, A/56/65 and A/56/159)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/56/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para. 7; A/56/L.40)

The Acting-Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples made a statement in the course of which he introduced the Committee's report (A/56/23) and draft resolution (A/56/L.40).

The Acting-President informed the General Assembly that action on the two draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 18 would be taken after the General Assembly had considered the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

Reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Rapporteur of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) made a statement in the course of which he introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 85 to 91, 92 and 18, 93 and 12, 94 as well as 18.

Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/547) [85]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/547) (resolution 56/50).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 85.

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/548) [86]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 10 of its report (A/56/548) (resolution 56/51).

The representative of Brazil made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 86.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/549) [87]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to VII recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 22 of its report (A/56/549).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 56/52)	151	2	2
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 56/53)		adopted	
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 56/54)	151	3	1
Draft resolution IV (recorded vote) (resolution 56/55)	154	0	1
Draft resolution V (recorded vote) (resolution 56/56)	151	3	1
Draft resolution VI (recorded vote) (resolution 56/57)	150	3	1
Draft resolution VII (recorded vote) (resolution 56/58)	151	3	1

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 87.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/550) [88]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to V recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 22 of its report (A/56/550).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 56/59)	83	4	58
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 56/60)	148	4	2
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 56/61)	145	4	3
Draft resolution IV (recorded vote) (resolution 56/62)	145	4	2
Draft resolution V (recorded vote) (resolution 56/63)	147	2	3

The representative of Papua New Guinea made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 88.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/551) [89]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) contained in document A/56/551.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 89.

Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/552) [90]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 11 of its report (A/56/552) (resolutions 56/64).

The Assembly was informed that a decision on draft resolution B would be taken at a later date.

The General Assembly adopted draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 10 of its report (A/56/552).

The Assembly decided to conclude this stage of its consideration of agenda item 90.

Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/553) [91]

By 149 to 0, with 6 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/553) (resolution 56/65).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 91.

Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories; implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/554) [92 and 18]

By 147 to 2, with 5 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 9 of its report (A/56/554) (resolution 56/66).

By 92 to 51, with 0 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 10 of its report (A/56/554).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 92.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 18.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations; report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/555) [93 and 12]

By 106 to 0, with 50 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/555) (resolution 56/67).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 93.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 12.

Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/556) [94]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/556) (resolution 56/68).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 94.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/56/557) [18]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I to IV recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 20 of its report (A/56/557) (resolutions 56/69, 56/70, 56/71 and 56/72).

The General Assembly also adopted the draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 21 of its report (A/56/557).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 18.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A56/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para. 7; A/56/L.40) [18]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 18.

The Assembly proceeded to take action on the draft resolution recommended by the Special Committee contained in Part III, Chapter XIII, section G, paragraph 7 of document (A/56/23) and on draft resolution A/56/L.40.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 147 to 2, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution contained in Part III, Chapter XIII, section G, paragraph 7 of document A/56/23 (resolution 56/73).

By 132 to 2, with 21 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.40 (resolution 56/74).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey) and the United Kingdom.

The representative of Jamaica (on behalf of the Group of the Latin American and Caribbean States) made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 18.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 38th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: high-level dialogue on strengthening international cooperation for development through partnership [97 (c)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.22 and L.56

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.56, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.22.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.56.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.56, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.22 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Documentation submitted under the item

Upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of document A/56/482.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 97 (c).

Environment and sustainable development: Convention on Biological diversity [98 (d)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.9 and L.58

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.58, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.9.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.58.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.58, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.9 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 98 (d).

(g) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.8 and L.57

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.57, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.8.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.57.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.57, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.8 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 98 (g).

Operational activities for development: economic and technical cooperation among developing countries [99 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.14 and L.54

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.54, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.14.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.54.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.54, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.14 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: implementation of the Programme of Action on the Least Developed Countries [106 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.59

Following a statement by the representative of Belgium, on behalf of the European Union, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), informed the Committee on the status of the negotiations on the draft proposals under his chairmanship.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 37th meeting of the Second Committee (see *Journal* No. 2001/239, p. 13): under *Macroeconomic policy questions* [95], the draft resolution should read A/C.2/56/L.36 *instead of* A/C.2/56/L.33.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 34th meeting

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [131] *(A/56/495 and Corr.1 and Add.1, A/56/501 and A/56/665)*

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [132] *(A/56/497 and Add.1, A/56/265, A/56/500 and A/56/666)*

The Committee resumed its general discussion of these agenda items.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and India.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these agenda items.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these agenda items would begin on that day, Monday, 10 December, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Merchant (Norway).

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [134]

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.17.

The Chairman informed the Committee that action by the Fifth Committee on the draft resolution would be held on Thursday, 13 December, in the afternoon.

Other matters

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management replied to questions raised at the 33rd meeting of the Committee, held on Friday, 7 December.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Chairman also made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
ACTING AS THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE
FOR THE SECOND WORLD ASSEMBLY ON AGEING
Resumed first session 8th meeting

Election of a Vice-Chairman [1]

The Chairman made a statement.

Organization of work [2]

The Preparatory Committee approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.5/2001/PC/L.10.

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2001

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Second regular session of 2001 15th and 16th meetings

Opening of the session: statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director [1]

The President of the Executive Board (Armenia) opened the session.

The Executive Director made a statement.

Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work [2]

The Secretary of the Executive Board introduced the item.

The provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work were adopted as contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12.

Medium-term strategic plan for the period 2002-2005 [3]

The Deputy Executive Director, Programme and Strategic Planning, introduced the item.

Statements were made by representatives of France, Canada, the Russian Federation, the United States, Italy, Japan, Guinea, China, the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Germany, Bangladesh, Switzerland, Finland, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Colombia, Cuba, India and Indonesia.

The Deputy Executive Director, Programme and Strategic Planning, responded to issues raised by delegations.

The Executive Director also responded to issues raised by delegations.

The Board decided to continue consultations on the draft recommendation contained in document E/ICEF/ 2001/13.

The Board thus concluded consideration of agenda item 3.

Biennial support budget for 2002-2003 [4]

The Comptroller introduced the item and made an in-depth presentation.

The Deputy Executive Director, Internal Management, Administration and Finance, also made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by representatives of France, the United States, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Canada, to which the Deputy Executive Director responded.

The representative of China also made a statement, to which the Deputy Executive Director responded.

The Board adopted the draft decision on the budget proposal contained in document E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.10.

The Board thus concluded its consideration of item 4.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Long-term Financing of the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP). Geneva, 28 September 1984

Accession: Estonia (7 December 2001)*

Protocol on Water and Health to the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes. London, 17 June 1999

Approval: Hungary (7 December 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

European Agreement supplementing the Convention on road traffic opened for signature at Vienna on 8 November 1968. Geneva, 1 May 1971

Accession: Latvia (7 December 2001)*

International Convention on Arrest of Ships, 1999. Geneva, 12 March 1999

Accession: Latvia (7 December 2001)*

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Latvia (7 December 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Year of Mountains

The global launch of the International Year of Mountains 2002 will take place *today*, 11 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The former President of the Swiss Confederation, H.E. Mr. Adolf Ogi, will preside. Welcoming remarks will be made by H.E. Mr. Murari Raj Sharma, Vice-President of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, will make an address on behalf of the Secretary-General. Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, will deliver a keynote address on the International Year of Mountains. Brief statements will be made by H.E. Mr. Kurmanbek Bakiev, Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, H.E. Mr. Alan Wagner, Ambassador of Peru to the United States and former Minister for Foreign Relations; Mr. Alberto Gagliardi, Under-Secretary of State for Regional Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Italy; and Mr. Josef Plank, Secretary for Agriculture, Niederosterreich, Austria; and Mr. Louis Besson, Member of Parliament and Mayor of Chambéry, France. Mr. Nitin Desai will moderate a round table discussion, followed by a debate, on "Three Conditions for Sustainability in Mountain Development". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Presidency of the Security Council:

<http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency>

President of the General Assembly:

<http://www.un.org/ga/president>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

<http://www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373>

<http://www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm>

<http://www. un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373>

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<http:// www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html>

Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development:

<http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org>

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Belgian presidency of the European Union:

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 12 December 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

3 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Cyprus (S/2001/1122 and S/2001/1162)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2001/1072)

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT RESOLUTION 1343 (2001) CONCERNING LIBERIA

10.30 a.m.	9th (closed) meeting*	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001) CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

12 noon	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Oral briefing by the Chairman of the Committee for interested Member States of the United Nations

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 85th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/586) [159]

2. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/587 and Corr.1) [160]

3. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fourth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/588 and Corr.1 (English only)) [161]

4. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/589 and Corr.1 (Arabic, Chinese, English, Russian and Spanish only)) [162]

5. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/590 and Corr.1 (Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish only)) [163]

6. Establishment of the International Criminal Court: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/591) [164]

7. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/592) [165]

8. Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/593) [166]

9. Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/594 and Corr.1 (Chinese, English, French and Russian only)) [167]

10. Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/595 and Corr.1) [168]

11. Observer status for the International Development Law Institute in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/596) [170]

12. Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/597 and Corr.1) [172]

13. Observer status for the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/598 and Corr.1) [173]

14. International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/599) [174]

15. Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/600) [176]

16. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/646) [21 (f)]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.59 (item 106)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.41 and L.50 (programme budget implications) (item 98 (f)), A/C.2/56/L.39 and A/C.2/56/L.40 (item 102)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.25 (item 96 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.24 (item 97 (b)) and A/C.2/56/L.64 (item 99 (b))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Jana Simonova (Czech Republic), Rapporteur of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a))

4 p.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

   (a) Trade and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.37 and L.66

   (c) Science and technology for development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.12 and L.67

2. Sectoral policy questions [96]

   (a) Business and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.18, A/C.2/56/L.26 and L.69

   (b) Industrial development cooperation

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.25

3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

   (b) Human resources development

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.24

4. Environment and sustainable development [98]

   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further implementation of Agenda 21

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.11, L.19 (programme budget implications) and L.71

   (c) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and or Desertification, particularly in Africa

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.17/Rev.1, L.51 (programme budget implications) and L.70

   (f) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.41 and L.50 (programme budget implications)

5. Operational activities for development [99]

   (a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.13

   (b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.64

6. Training and research [104]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.36, L.55 (programme budget implications) and L.68

7. Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic [102]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.39 and L.40

8. Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [106]

   (b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries or the Decade 2001-2010

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.59

9. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on document A/C.2/56/L.60

10. Closure of the fifty-sixth session of the Second Committee

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor [136] (A/56/624 and A/56/685)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [158] (A/56/660 and A/56/688)

   Introduction and general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 136 (Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (A/56/624 and A/56/685)); and 158 (Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/56/660 and A/56/688))

2 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 131 (Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/56/495 and Corr.1 and Add.1, A/56/501 and A/56/665)); and 132 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/56/497 and Add.1, A/56/265, A/56/500 and A/56/666))

6 p.m. 12 midnight	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of conferences (A/56/32, A/56/120/Rev.1, A/56/133, A/56/188, A/56/213 and Corr.1, A/56/261, A/56/277, A/56/293, A/56/299, A/56/300, A/56/339, A/AC.198/2001/8 and A/56/475))

* Following the adjournment of the 35th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights in Guatemala: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/56/L.42

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTING AS THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SECOND WORLD ASSEMBLY ON AGEING

Resumed first session

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations	Conference Room 1
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations	Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft outcome document for the World Assembly on Ageing (E/CN.5/2001/PC/L.9)

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2001

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	19th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	20th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Financial matters [7]

   (a) Private Sector Division: Financial report and statements for the year ended 31 December 2000 (E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.6)

   (b) UNICEF interim financial report and statements for the year ended 31 December 2000, the first year of the biennium 2000-2001 (E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.5)

   (c) Status of budget implementation for UNICEF support to the Special Session on Children and associated events (E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.9)

2. Report on internal audit activities [8] (E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.7)

3. Programme of work for 2002 [9] (E/ICEF/2001/14)

4. Other matters [10]

5. Closing of the session: remarks by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board [11]

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 20, organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held *today*, 12 December 2001, from 1 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. All delegations are invited to attend.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 12 December 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room 2: A/C.2/56/L.39 and L.40 (item 102), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room B: A/C.2/56/L.59 (item 106), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and

Conference Room 2: A/C.2/56/L.39 and L.40 (item 102), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 12 December 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

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The meeting of JUSCANZ *(Second Committee)*, scheduled for *today*, 12 December 2001, is cancelled.

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Workshop

The workshop of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) on international trade negotiations, organized as part of their International Trade Series, will continue *today*, 12 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "A Civil Society Perspective on Ageing in Developing Countries", co-sponsored by the Programme on Ageing, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and HelpAge International *today*, 12 December 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Panellists will include Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko, Chief, Programme on Ageing. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

There will be a workshop on "Creating a Union in Africa and in Europe", jointly organized by the delegation of the European Union and the Permanent Observer of the Organization of the African Unity. The workshop will take place *today*, 12 December 2001, from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber (tentatively). For further information, please contact Ms. Sherene Bailey (Organization of African Unity) (tel.: (212) 319-5490) or Ms. Anna Rode (European Union) (tel.: (212) 401-0160).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 13 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	86th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/56/3 and Add.1 and 2) [12]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 36th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

An informal (closed) meeting of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on consultation of troop contributors will be held on Friday, 14 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Credentials Committee on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Delegations that have not submitted credentials in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly are asked to submit them to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee before the meeting (room 3420A).

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The fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 14 to 25 January 2002. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 14 January, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/31.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference on Financing for Development and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site at: <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold informal (closed) consultations in preparation for its resumed 2001 session on Tuesday *(not Wednesday as previously announced)* and Thursday, 18 and 20 December 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., in Conference Room 2 and 9, respectively.

The Committee will hold its resumed 2001 session from 14 to 25 January 2002 in Conference Room 4. The agenda of the 2001 session is contained in document E/C.2/2001/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are requested to inform the Secretary-General about the composition of their delegation for the resumed session through the Committee Secretary, Mr. Otto Gustafik (room S-2950F; fax: (212) 963-5935).

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women, by hand-delivery to room DC2-1260, by fax ((212)-963-3463); or by e-mail (daw@un.org), no later than Friday, 14 December 2001.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The revised draft outcome document of the International Conference on Financing for Development, which has been prepared by the Facilitator, Mr. Mauricio Escanero, is available on the Financing for Development Web site at: <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>. Hard copies of the text may be obtained from the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat (room DC2-2386).

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At the informal meeting held on Friday, 7 December 2001, the Chairperson of Working Group II of the Disarmament Commisison dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) distributed the information provided by delegations on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms. Copies of the information are available at the Department of Disarmament Affairs with Mr. Nazir Kamal (room S-3170F; tel.: (212) 963-6195), as well as with the Chairperson, Ms. Gabriela Martinic, Permanent Mission of Argentina (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extensions 226 and 224). The Chairperson would also like to remind all delegations that they might submit further information.

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Background information on the Secretary-General's report on the priority theme "Integration of social and economic policy" of the fortieth session of the Commission for Social Development (12-22 February 2002), is available to be picked up at the office of the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development (room DC2-1370). It can also be downloaded from the Web site of the Division at: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/2002/htm>.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a joint meeting of the Group of 77 and non-governmental organizations on the International Conference on Financing for Development on Thursday, 13 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)* on Thursday, 13 December 2001, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States in Practical Disarmament Measures, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures). The meeting will take place on Thursday 13 December 2001, at 3 p.m., at the Permanent Mission of Germany (871 United Nations Plaza, 22nd Floor). The meeting will review the status of ongoing practical disarmament projects and will consider any additional related proposals. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Western European and Other States Group on Thursday, 13 December 2001, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing, organized jointly by the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat and the delegation of Mexico, on the organizational arrangements for the forthcoming International Conference on Financing for Development (Monterrey (Mexico), 18-22 March 2002) on Friday, 14 December 2001, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 19 December, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Monday, 3 December 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 11 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

83rd plenary meeting

Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: draft resolution (A/56/L.47) [23]

The representative of the United States made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.47.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Monaco, Cyprus, Israel, Greece, Cuba, Belarus, Malta, Australia and Zambia.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.47 (resolution 56/75).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 23.

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [35]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/499, A/56/611)

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.46)

The representative of Benin made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.46.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Malta, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Bangladesh, the Republic of Korea, the United States, Romania, the Philippines, Ukraine, Nepal, Yemen, Mongolia and Nicaragua.

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolution A/56/L.46 would be taken at a later date.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that consideration of agenda item 32 (Multilingualism) was postponed to a later date.

84th plenary meeting

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [44]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/391, A/56/416)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/56/273)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.42, A/56/L.45/Rev.1)

The representative of Mexico made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/56/L.42.

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.45/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Norway, Guatemala, Colombia, El Salvador and Spain.

The Assembly was informed that action on draft resolutions A/56/L.42 and A/56/L.45/Rev.1 would be taken at a later date.

Towards global partnerships [39]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/323 and Corr.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.33)

The representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.33.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.33 (resolution 56/76).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 39.

Programme of work

The Acting President informed the General Assembly of the following additions and changes to its programme of work: On Friday, 14 December 2001, in the morning, the General Assembly would take up agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency) to consider draft resolution A/56/L.10 and the amendment thereto contained in document A/56/L.11, which was originally scheduled for Thursday, 13 December; the General Assembly would next consider a number of draft resolutions under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and its

sub-items, as well as consider draft resolution A/56/L.48 under agenda item 29 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millenium Summit); and the Assembly would also consider draft resolution A/56/L.46 under agenda item 35 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies).

The Acting President further informed the Assembly that it would take up agenda item 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council) on Thursday, 13 December 2001, in the morning instead of Wednesday, 12 December, in the afternoon; that it would take up agenda item 40 (The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina) on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, in the morning, and that it would consider the reports of the Third Committee on Wednesday, 19 December 2001.

The Acting President also informed the Assembly that it would take up agenda item 20 (f) (Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan) together with agenda item 43 (The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security) on Thursday, 20 December 2001.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 82nd plenary meeting of the General Assembly (see *Journal* No. 2001/240, p. 13): the text under agenda item 90 should read as follows:

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in *paragraph 10* of its report (A/56/552) (resolutions 56/64).

The Assembly was informed that a decision on draft resolution B would be taken at a later date.

The General Assembly adopted draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in *paragraph 11* of its report (A/56/552).

The Assembly decided to conclude this stage of its consideration of agenda item 90.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 39th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(c) Science and technology for development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.3 and L.52

The Secretary read out an oral revision to operative paragraph 3.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.52, as orally revised, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.3.

It was announced that Mauritania had joined in sponsoring the original draft resolution.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.52, as orally revised.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.52, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.3 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: women in development [97 (a)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.21 and L.63

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.63, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.21.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.63.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.63, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.21 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 97 (a).

(d) Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.23

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), informed the Committee on the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and orally revised operative paragraph 2.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 97 (d).

Environment and sustainable development [98]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.20 and L.65

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.65, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.20.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.65.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.65, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.20 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Documentation submitted under the item

Upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of document A/56/115 and Corr.1-E/2001/92 and Corr.1

(b) International Strategy for disaster reduction

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.15 and L.62

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.62, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.15.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.62.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.62, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.15 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 98 (b).

Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [103]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.5 and L.61

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.61, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.5.

The representative of the United States made a statement before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.61.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.61, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.5 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 103.

Operational activities for development [99]

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Introduction of draft decision A/C.2/56/L.64

On the proposal of the Chairman, and on an exceptional basis, the Committee allowed Namibia to introduce, on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), a procedural draft decision contained in document A/C.2/56/L.64.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Second regular session of 2001 17th and 18th meetings

The Executive Director made a statement on UNICEF activities in Afghanistan.

The representative of Colombia made a statement to which the Executive Director responded.

Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation [5]

(a) Country programme recommendations

(b) Recommendation for additional regular resources for approved country programmes and the extension of a subregional programme

(c) Intercountry programmes

The Director, Programme Division, introduced the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Denmark and the Gambia.

The Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa introduced the country programme recommendations for that region.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Netherlands and Mozambique, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/2001/P/L.1/Add.1 to P/L.6/Add.1 and E/ICEF/2001/P/L.7/Add.1 and P/L.7/Add.1/Corr.1, P/L.8/Add.1 and P/L.9/Add.1. Recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/2001/P/L.57 and P/L.58 were also approved by the Board.

The Regional Director for West and Central Africa introduced the country programme recommendations for that region.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Gambia, Gabon, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, France, the United Kingdom, Norway and Nigeria, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/2001/P/L.10/Add.1 to P/L.18/Add.1. Recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/2001/P/L.59 and P/L.60 were also approved by the Board.

The Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean introduced the country programme recommendations for that region.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Venezuela and the United Kingdom, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/2001/P/L.19/Add.1 to P/L.34/Add.1 and E/ICEF/2001/P/L.61 to P/L.63.

The Regional Director for East Asia and the Pacific introduced the country programme recommendations for that region.

The representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic made a statement.

The Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/2001/P/L.35/Add.1 to P/L.37/Add.1 and E/ICEF/2001/P/L.64 to P/L.66.

The Regional Director for South Asia introduced the country programme recommendations for that region.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/2001/P/L.38/Add.1 to P/L.40/Add.1.

The Regional Director for Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States introduced the country programme recommendations for that region.

Statements were made by the representatives of Croatia, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Moldova, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/2001/P/L.41/Add.1 and E/ICEF/2001/P/L.67 to L.70.

The Regional Director for Middle East and North Africa introduced the country programme recommendations for that region.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco, Yemen, the Netherlands, Algeria, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, Iraq, Egypt, Tunisia, the United Kingdom and Lebanon, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/2001/P/L.42/Add.1 to P/L.49/Add.1 and L.71. The Board also approved the recommendations for additional resources for approved country programmes contained in document E/ICEF/2001/P/L.72 and the Summary of recommendations for regular resources and other resources programmes for 2001, contained in document E/ICEF/2001/P/L.72.

The Director of Programme Division introduced the recommendation for intercountry programmes contained in document E/ICEF/2001/P/L.74, which was approved by the Board.

The Board thus concluded its consideration of item 5.

Report to the United Nations Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [6]

The Deputy Executive Director, Internal Management, Administration and Finance, introduced the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sweden and the United States, to which the Deputy Executive Director responded.

The Board took note of the report contained in document E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.8

The Board thus concluded consideration of agenda item 6.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966

Signature: San Marino (11 December 2001)

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Signature: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (11 December 2001)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Open Discussion on the Theme and Content of the Fifty-fifth DPI/NGO Annual Conference (September 2002)". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. The briefing will be held on Thursday, 13 December 2001, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House (3 United Nations Plaza). The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI). For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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Web sites

Presidency of the Security Council:

<http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency>

President of the General Assembly:

<http://www.un.org/ga/president>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

<http://www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373>

<http://www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm>

<http://www. un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373>

<http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373>

<http://www.un.org/russian/documen/scdocs/committees/1373>

<http:// www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html>

Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development:

<http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org>

<http://www.un.int/indonesia>

Belgian presidency of the European Union:

<http://www.un.int/belgium>

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 13 December 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Cyprus (S/2001/1122 and S/2001/1162)

Letter dated 31 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Briefing by the Secretariat

Sierra Leone

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001) CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

3 p.m. 15th (closed) meeting Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 and Corr.1, A/56/7, A/56/16, A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1 and A/C.5/56/11/Rev.2))

2 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor [136]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.20

2. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea [137]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.18

3. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone [141]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.16

4. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [158]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.19

5. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [134]

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.17

Afternoon*- 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 and Corr.1, A/56/7, A/56/16, A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1 and A/C.5/56/11/Rev.2))

6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 and Corr.1, A/56/7, A/56/16, A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1 and A/C.5/56/11/Rev.2))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Programme budget implications and draft reports

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTING AS THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SECOND WORLD ASSEMBLY ON AGEING

Resumed first session

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations	Conference Room 1
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations	Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft outcome document for the World Assembly on Ageing (E/CN.5/2001/PC/L.9)

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* Following the adjournment of the 36th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 13 December 2001

GROUP OF 77
(special meeting of the General Assembly on bridging the digital divide and promoting digital opportunities)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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There will be a joint meeting of the Group of 77 and non-governmental organizations on the International Conference on Financing for Development *today*, 13 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States in Practical Disarmament Measures, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures). The meeting will take place *today*, 13 December 2001, at 3 p.m., at the Permanent Mission of Germany (871 United Nations Plaza, 22nd Floor). The meeting will review the status of ongoing practical disarmament projects and will consider any additional related proposals. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Workshop

The workshop of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) on international trade negotiations, organized as part of their International Trade Series, will continue *today*, 13 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684 and 963-9196).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 14 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 86th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]

   (a) Draft resolution (A/56/L.10)

   (b) Amendment (A/56/L.11)

2. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution (A/56/L.48) [29]

3. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies: draft resolution (A/56/L.46) [35]

4. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin: draft resolution (A/56/L.41/Rev.1) [33]

5. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System: draft resolution (A/56/L.43) [21 (a)]

6. Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/56/3 and Add.1 and 2) [12]

7. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolutions (A/56/L.14, A/56/L.51, A/56/L.55)

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/56/L.39, A/56/L.49, A/56/L.52, A/56/L.53, A/56/L.54, A/56/L.56, A/56/L.58, A/56/L.60)

   (c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster: draft resolution (A/56/L.57)

   (d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: draft resolution (A/56/L.50)

   (e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: draft resolution (A/56/L.59)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 3
2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 21 (i) (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 21 (i), organized by the delegation of Romania (on behalf of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Chairmanship-in-Office), will be held on Friday, 14 December 2001, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C. All delegations are invited to attend.

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An informal (closed) meeting of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on consultation of troop contributors will be held on Friday, 14 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Credentials Committee on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Delegations that have not submitted credentials in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly are asked to submit them to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee before the meeting (room 3420A).

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The fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 14 to 25 January 2002. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 14 January, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/31.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference on Financing for Development and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site at: <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold informal (closed) consultations in preparation for its resumed 2001 session on Tuesday *(not Wednesday as previously announced)* and Thursday, 18 and 20 December 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., in Conference Room 2 and 9, respectively.

The Committee will hold its resumed 2001 session from 14 to 25 January 2002 in Conference Room 4. The agenda of the 2001 session is contained in document E/C.2/2001/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are requested to inform the Secretary-General about the composition of their delegation for the resumed session through the Committee Secretary, Mr. Otto Gustafik (room S-2950F; fax: (212) 963-5935).

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women, by hand-delivery to room DC2-1260, by fax ((212)-963-3463); or by e-mail (daw@un.org), no later than Friday, 14 December 2001.

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The revised draft outcome document of the International Conference on Financing for Development, which has been prepared by the Facilitator, Mr. Mauricio Escanero, is available on the Financing for Development Web site at: <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>. Hard copies of the text may be obtained from the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat (room DC2-2386).

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At the informal meeting held on Friday, 7 December 2001, the Chairperson of Working Group II of the Disarmament Commisison dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) distributed the information provided by delegations on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms. Copies of the information are available at the Department of Disarmament Affairs with Mr. Nazir Kamal (room S-3170F; tel.: (212) 963-6195), as well as with the Chairperson, Ms. Gabriela Martinic, Permanent Mission of Argentina (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extensions 226 and 224). The Chairperson would also like to remind all delegations that they might submit further information.

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Background information on the Secretary-General's report on the priority theme "Integration of social and economic policy" of the fortieth session of the Commission for Social Development (12-22 February 2002), is available to be picked up at the office of the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development (room DC2-1370). It can also be downloaded from the Web site of the Division at: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/2002/htm>.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Friday, 14 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing on the outcome of the Pan American Symposium on Ageing and Health: Innovative Approaches on Health and Social Services Addressed to the Older Adult Population (Quebec City, 6, 7 and 8 December 2001), organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, on Friday, 14 December 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room C. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Canada (tel.: (212) 848-1176).

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Briefing

There will be a briefing, organized jointly by the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat and the delegation of Mexico, on the organizational arrangements for the forthcoming International Conference on Financing for Development (Monterrey (Mexico), 18-22 March 2002) on Friday, 14 December 2001, at 3 p.m. (*not at 10 a.m. as previously announced)* in Conference Room 4.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 19 December, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Monday, 3 December 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 12 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

85th plenary meeting

Reports of the Sixth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 159 to 168, 170, 172, 173, 174, 176 and 21 (f).

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/586) [159]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/586) (resolution 56/77).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 159.

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/587 and Corr.1) [160]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/587 and Corr.1) (resolution 56/78).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 160.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fourth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/588 and Corr.1 (English only)) [161]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I, II and III recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 15 of its report (A/56/588 and Corr.1) (resolutions 56/79, 56/80 and 56/81).

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 16 of its report (A/56/588 and Corr.1).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 161.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/589 and Corr.1 (Arabic, Chinese, English, Russian and Spanish only)) [162]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/56/589 and Corr.1) (resolutions 56/82 and 56/83).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 162.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/590 and Corr.1 (Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish only)) [163]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/56/590 and Corr.1) (resolution 56/84).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 163.

Establishment of the International Criminal Court: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/591) [164]

The representative of the United States made statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/56/591) (resolution 56/85).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 164.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/592) [165]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/56/592) (resolutions 56/86 and 56/87).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 165.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/593) [166]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/56/593) (resolution 56/88).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 166.

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/594 and Corr.1 (Chinese, English, French and Russian only)) [167]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/56/594 and Corr.1) (resolution 56/89).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 167.

Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/595 and Corr.1) [168]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/595 and Corr.1).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 168.

Observer status for the International Development Law Institute in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/596) [170]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/596) (resolution 56/90).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 170.

Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/597 and Corr.1) [172]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/597 and Corr.1) (resolution 56/91).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 56/91 of 12 December 2001, the observer for the International Hydrographic Organization made a statement.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 172.

Observer status for the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/598 and Corr.1) [173]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/598 and Corr.1) (resolution 56/92).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 173.

International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/599) [174]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/56/599) (resolution 56/93).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 174.

Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/600) [176]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/56/600).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 176.

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union: report of the Sixth Committee (A/56/646) [21 (f)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report, which was orally corrected (A/56/646).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 21 (f).

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Sixth Committee before it.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 40th meeting

Note: The summary of the 40th meeting of the Second Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2001/243).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 35th meeting

Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor [136]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/56/624.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/685).

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway and Indonesia.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on that day, Wednesday, 12 December, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. Durga Bhattarai (Nepal), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [158]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/56/660.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/688).

In the absence of speakers, the Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on that day, Wednesday, 12 December following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. Santiago Wins (Uruguay), Rapporteur of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Second regular session of 2001 19th and 20th meetings

The President of the Executive Board made a statement.

Biennial support budget for 2002-2003 [4]

The Board reintroduced the item.

The representative of India made a statement.

The Board thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 4.

Report on internal audit activities [8]

The Director, Office of Internal Audit, introduced the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Denmark, France and Norway, to which the Director responded.

The Board took note of the report contained in documents E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.7.

The Board thus concluded consideration of agenda item 8.

The President suspended the meeting to hear a statement by the President of the Security Council.

The Board resumed its formal session.

Financial matters: [7]

(a) Private Sector Division financial report and statements for the year ended 31 December 2000

(b) UNICEF interim financial report and statements for the year ended 31 December 2000, the first year of the biennium 2000-2001

(c) Status of budget implementation for UNICEF support to the Special Session on Children and associated events

The Director, Private Sector Division, introduced sub-item 7 (a).

Statements were made by the representatives of France, India, Switzerland and China, to which the Director, Private Sector Division responded.

The Board took note of the report contained in document E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.6.

The Deputy Executive Director, Internal Management, Administration and Finance, introduced sub-item 7 (b).

The Board took note of the report contained in document E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.5.

The Deputy Executive Director, Alliances and Resources, introduced sub-item 7 (c).

The Executive Director made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, Sweden, Germany and the Republic of Korea, to which the Deputy Executive Director responded.

The Board approved the recommendation contained in document E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.9.

The Board thus concluded consideration of agenda item 7.

Medium-term strategic plan for the period 2002-2005 [3]

The Board reintroduced the item.

The Vice-President of the Board, Ms. Jacqueline de Lacy (Australia), reported on informal consultations on the medium-term strategic plan and introduced the draft decision contained in document E/ICEF/2001/CRP.12.

The Board approved the draft decision as amended.

The representative of Colombia made a presentation on the visit to Cartagena, Colombia (E/ICEF/2001/CRP.11).

The representatives of Suriname, Bolivia and the Gambia made a statement.

The Board thus concluded consideration of agenda item 3.

Programme of work for 2002 [9]

The Secretary of the Board introduced the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, France, Sweden (also on behalf of Denmark), Australia, Norway, Switzerland and Finland, to which the Secretary of the Executive Board responded.

The Board adopted the programme of work contained in document E/ICEF/2001/14.

The Board thus concluded consideration of agenda item 9.

Other matters [10]

The representative of Japan made a statement.

The representative of Gabon made a statement.

The Executive Director made a statement.

The President of the Executive Board made a closing statement.

The Board thus concluded the second regular session for 2001.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Open Discussion on the Theme and Content of the Fifty-fifth DPI/NGO Annual Conference (September 2002)". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. The briefing will be held *today,* 13 December 2001, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House (3 United Nations Plaza). The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI). For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.. (212) 963-1859).

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today,* 13 December 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Web sites

Presidency of the Security Council:

<http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency>

President of the General Assembly:

<http://www.un.org/ga/president>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

<http://www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373>

<http://www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm>

<http://www. un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373>

<http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373>

<http://www.un.org/russian/documen/scdocs/committees/1373>

<http:// www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html>

Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development:

<http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org>

<http://www.un.int/indonesia>

Belgian presidency of the European Union:

<http://www.un.int/belgium>

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 14 December 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. sharp	4436th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation in Cyprus

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/2001/1122)

Morning*	4437th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

   Letter dated 10 November 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/1072)

4 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Afghanistan

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

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* To be held following the adjournment of the 4436th meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 86th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]

   (a) Draft resolution (A/56/L.10)

   (b) Amendment (A/56/L.11)

2. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution (A/56/L.49) [29]

3. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies: draft resolution (A/56/L.46) [35]

4. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin: draft resolution (A/56/L.41/Rev.1) [33]

5. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System: draft resolution (A/56/L.43) [21 (a)]

6. Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/56/3 and Add.1 and 2) [12]

7. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolutions (A/56/L.14, A/56/L.51 and Corr.1, A/56/L.55)

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/56/L.39, A/56/L.49, A/56/L.52, A/56/L.53, A/56/L.54, A/56/L.56, A/56/L.58, A/56/L.60)

   (c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster: draft resolution (A/56/L.57)

   (d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: draft resolution (A/56/L.50)

   (e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: draft resolution (A/56/L.59)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 37th meeting Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

Part IV: International cooperation for development:

Section 11B: International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (A/56/6/Add.1 (Section 11B) and A/56/7/Add.3)

Introduction and general discussion

Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized (A/C.5/56/25 and A/56/7/Add.5)

Introduction and general discussion

Revised estimates: effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation (A/56/659 and A/56/7/Add.4)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (Consideration of statements of programme budget implications))

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* Following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

2 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 and Corr.1, A/56/7, A/56/16, A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1 and A/C.5/56/11/Rev.2))

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 and Corr.1, A/56/7, A/56/16, A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1 and A/C.5/56/11/Rev.2))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Mandatory age of separation
2. Programme budget implications
3. Draft reports

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTING AS THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SECOND WORLD ASSEMBLY ON AGEING

Resumed first session

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations	Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft outcome document for the World Assembly on Ageing (E/CN.5/2001/PC/L.9)

3 p.m.	9th meting	Conference Room 1

1. Accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations in the Second World Assembly on Ageing and its preparatory process [4] (E/CN.5/2001/PC/5)
2. Preparations for the Second World Assembly on Ageing [3]
3. Closure of the session

Afternoon* - 6 p.m.	informal consultations	Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft outcome document for the World Assembly on Ageing

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* Following the 9th meeting.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 21 (i) (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 21 (i), organized by the delegation of Romania (on behalf of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Chairmanship-in-Office), will be held *today*, 14 December 2001, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 22 (Final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s)

Open-ended informal consultations will be held *today*, 14 December 2001, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room C. on draft resolution A/56/L.61 under agenda item 22. All delegations are invited to attend.

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An informal (closed) meeting of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on consultation of troop contributors will be held *today*, 14 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 14 December 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)

8 a.m.- 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B
1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Briefing

There will be a briefing on the outcome of the Pan American Symposium on Ageing and Health: Innovative Approaches on Health and Social Services Addressed to the Older Adult Population (Quebec City, 6-8 December 2001), organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, *today*, 14 December 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room C. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Canada (tel.: (212) 848-1176).

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Briefing

There will be a briefing, organized jointly by the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat and the delegation of Mexico, on the organizational arrangements for the forthcoming International Conference on Financing for Development (Monterrey (Mexico), 18-22 March 2002) *today*, 14 December 2001, at *3.30 p.m.* in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Saturday, 15 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

There will be a closed meeting of the Credentials Committee on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Delegations that have not submitted credentials in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly are asked to submit them to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee before the meeting (room S-3420A).

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The fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 14 to 25 January 2002. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 14 January, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/31.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference on Financing for Development and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site at: <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 2001

The Economic and Social Council will hold its resumed substantive session of 2001 on Thursday, 20 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to discuss all outstanding issues, including elections (postponed vacancies) and the elections of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold informal (closed) consultations in preparation for its resumed 2001 session on Tuesday, 18 December, at 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. and on Thursday, 20 December 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The Committee will hold its resumed 2001 session from 14 to 25 January 2002 in Conference Room 4. The agenda of the 2001 session is contained in document E/C.2/2001/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are requested to inform the Secretary-General about the composition of their delegation for the resumed session through the Committee Secretary, Mr. Otto Gustafik (room S-2950F; fax: (212) 963-5935).

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women, by hand-delivery to room DC2-1260, by fax ((212)-963-3463); or by e-mail (daw@un.org), no later than *today*, 14 December 2001.

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The revised draft outcome document of the International Conference on Financing for Development, which has been prepared by the Facilitator, Mr. Mauricio Escanero, is available on the Financing for Development Web site at: <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>. Hard copies of the text may be obtained from the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat (room DC2-2386).

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At the informal meeting held on Friday, 7 December 2001, the Chairperson of Working Group II of the Disarmament Commisison dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) distributed the information provided by delegations on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms. Copies of the information are available at the Department of Disarmament Affairs with Mr. Nazir Kamal (room S-3170F; tel.: (212) 963-6195), as well as with the Chairperson, Ms. Gabriela Martinic, Permanent Mission of Argentina (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extensions 226 and 224). The Chairperson would also like to remind all delegations that they might submit further information.

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Background information on the Secretary-General's report on the priority theme "Integration of social and economic policy" of the fortieth session of the Commission for Social Development (12-22 February 2002), is available to be picked up at the office of the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development (room DC2-1370). It can also be downloaded from the Web site of the Division at: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/2002/htm>.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 19 December, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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Informal meeting

An expert group meeting on "Structural Threats to Social Integrity: Social Roots of Violent Conflict and Indicators for Prevention" will take place from Tuesday to Thursday, 18 to 20 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting, to be conducted in English, is organized by the Social Integration Branch, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. For further information, please contact Ms. Brigid Donelan (tel.: (212-963-3173).

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Forum

There will be a closed meeting of the Women's International Forum on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will address the Forum.

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Briefing

There will be a press briefing on the launch of the report of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty (ICISS), organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, on Tuesday, 18 December 2001 at 3.35 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Canada (tel.: (212) 848-1162).

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As from Monday, 3 December 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 12 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 40th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(a) Trade and development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.37 and A/C.2/56/L.66

The representative of Japan orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.66, as orally corrected, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.37.

The Secretary read out a statement on conference servicing implications of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.66, as orally corrected.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.66, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.37 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 95 (a).

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(c) Science and technology for development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.2 and L.67

The Secretary read out an oral statement regarding the conference servicing implications of the draft resolution.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.67, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.2.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.67, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.2 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda sub-item 95 (c).

Sectoral policy questions [96]

(a) Business and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.26 and L.69

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.69, submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.26.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.69.

The representative of Belgium made a statement regarding the French text of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.69.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.69, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.26 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.18

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), informed the Committee on the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.18.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 96 (a).

(b) Industrial development cooperation

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.25 and L.73

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.73, submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.25.

The representative of Ethiopia orally revised the draft resolution as a result of further informal consultations.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.73, as orally revised.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.73, as orally revised, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.25 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 96.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

(b) Human resources development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.24 and L.74

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.74, submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.24.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.74.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.74, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.24 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 97 (b).

Documentation submitted under the item

Upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of document A/56/221.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 97.

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further implementation of Agenda 21

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.11 and L.71

The attention of the Committee was drawn to a statement of programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.11 (A/C.2/56/L.19). The Committee was informed that the programme budget implications equally applied to draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.71.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), then introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.71, submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.11.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand) and Japan.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.71.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Brazil, Nigeria and Egypt.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.71, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.11 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Documentation submitted under the item

Upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of document *A/56/19*.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 98 (a).

(c) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/45/L.17/Rev.1 and L.70

The attention of the Committee was drawn to a statement of programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.17/Rev.1 (A/C.2/56/L.51). The Secretary informed the Committee that the programme budget implications equally applied to draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.70.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), then introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.70, submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.17/Rev.1.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The representative of Belgium made a statement regarding the French text of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.70.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.70.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Nigeria.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.70, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.17/Rev.1 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 98 (c).

(f) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.41 and L.77

The attention of the Committee was drawn to a statement of programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.41 (A/C.2/56/L.50). The Committee was informed that the programme budget implications also applied to draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.77.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), then introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.77, submitted on the basis of informal con-sultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.41.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.77.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.77, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.41 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 98 (f).

Operational activities for development [99]

(a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.13 and L.72

The Rapporteur of the Committee, Ms. Jana Simonova (Czech Republic), introduced the draft resolution (in English only to be issued as A/C.2/56/L.72), which she submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.13.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.72, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.13 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda sub-item 99 (a).

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft decision A/C.2/56/L.64

The Secretary read out an oral revision to the draft resolution.

The representatives of Namibia and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) further orally amended the draft decision.

The Committee was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft decision, as orally revised and amended.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 99 (b).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of the Note of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (A/56/174).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 99 as a whole.

Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic [102]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.39 and L.75

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), introduced the draft resolution (in English only to be issued as A/C.2/56/L.75) which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.39.

The representative of New Zealand orally amended the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution (in English only), as orally amended.

In the light of the adoption of the draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.75 (in English only), draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.39 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.40 and L.76

The Secretary read out an oral statement regarding the conference servicing implications of the draft resolution.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), introduced the draft resolution (in English only to be issued as A/C.2/56/L.76) which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.40.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution (in English only).

In the light of the adoption of the draft resolution (in English only), draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.40 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 102.

Training and research [104]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.30 and L.68

The attention of the Committee was drawn to a statement of programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.30 (A/C.2/56/L.55). The Committee was informed that the programme budget implications, as contained in document A/C.2/56/L.55, did not apply to draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.68. The Secretary of the Committee read out an oral statement of programme budget implications pertaining to draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.68.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Indonesia), then introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.68, submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.30.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.68.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement regarding the Russian text of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.68.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.68, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.30 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 104.

Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 [106 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.59 and L.78

The Secretary of the Committee read out an oral statement of programme budget implications pertaining to draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.78.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), then introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.78, submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.59.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.78.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and Canada.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.78, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.59 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Documentation submitted under the item

Upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of documents A/56/208, A/56/297 and Corr.1 and A/56/434.

The Committee has thus concluded its consideration of item 106.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Documentation submitted under the item

On the proposal by the Chairman of the Committee, the Committee took note of documents A/56/3 and Add.2, namely chapters I to V, VII (sections A to C and E to H) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council, A/56/459 and A/56/127-E/2001/101 and A/56/127/Add.1-E/2001/101/Add.1.

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 2002-2003

The Chief of the Documentation Programming and Monitoring Unit introduced and orally revised document A/C.2/56/L.60.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the United States and Cameroon.

The Committee then adopted the draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 2002-2003, as orally revised.

The Chairman also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 12.

Closure of the work of the Second Committee

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Cameroon, Canada (on behalf of the members of JUSCANZ (Andorra, Australia, Canada, Iceland, Japan, Liechtenstein, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Korea, San Marino, Switzerland, Turkey and the United States, and the JUSCANZ observer for the Russian Federation)) and Guyana.

The Chairman declared closed the fifty-sixth session of the Second Committee.

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Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor [136]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Nepal, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.20.

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division made a statement regarding the financial amounts to be inserted on the five peacekeeping missions before the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea [137]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Argentina, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.18.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone [141]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Uruguay, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.16.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic spoke on a point of clarification.

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division replied to the point of clarification.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [158]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Uruguay, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.19.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda sub-item.

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.17, introduced by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) at the Committee's 34th meeting held on Monday, 10 December.

The representative of the United States requested that a recorded vote in one block be taken on the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 3, 4 and 13.

The representative of Lebanon made a statement.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 3, 4 and 13 of draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.17, which were retained by a recorded vote of 69 votes to 2, with 40 abstentions.

The representative of the United States made a statement and then requested that a recorded vote be taken on the draft resolution as a whole.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.17 as a whole, which was adopted by a recorded vote of 110 to 2.

Statements in explanation of position after the vote were made by the representatives of Israel, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), Japan, Lebanon, Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Statements in the exercise in the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel and Lebanon.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Other matters

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Namibia (11 December 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Ratification: Saint Lucia (12 December 2001)*

Convention on the International Maritime Organization. Geneva, 6 March 1948

Acceptance: Republic of Moldova (12 December 2001)*

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Accession: Grenada (13 December 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Grenada (13 December 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Accession: Grenada (13 December 2001)*

United Nations Convention on the Assignment of Receivables in International Trade. New York, 12 December 2001

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Convention will be open for signature by all States at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 31 December 2003, in accordance with its article 34 (1).

Delegations are advised to contact the Treaty Section in advance to arrange appointments for signature (Room S-3200; phone: 963-5047; fax: 963-3693).

It is also advised that delegations intending to sign the Convention submit, where necessary, full powers in advance to the Treaty Section.

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Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development:

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